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'Hits' college

Thomas 'Hitman' Hearns, former welterweight boxing champ, will speak at the college March 25. See story page 11.

Attrition high

The Niagara College academic assembly met last week to discuss reasons for the high rate of student attrition. See story page 3.

A new breed

The gaunt, gloomy funeral director who carries a tape measure is gone. Replacing him is "a beaming, energetic personality." See story page 7.

It's spring!

A sure sign of spring, in addition to the traditional robin and the first crocus, is children on roller skates. These two Welland youngsters were quick to get out onto the streets after sun, rain and wind cleared away the ice and snow of winter. (Photo by Leger)

Solidarity sweep in SAC election

By DIANA BURI
and SUSAN POAPS
Staff Writers

The Student Solidarity Party (SSP) won the Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive elections yesterday — but, of nearly 3,000 full-time day students, only 267 voted.

For president, Carmen Angi, representing the party, won 187 votes over 80 for James Tucker, Better Understanding and Developing Party (BUD). Carmen won the majority of votes from all campuses except from the Horticulture Centre where James surpassed him with 28 votes over 16.

Executive vice-president of finance is Michael Stuppiello with 115 of 265 votes. Michael won over BUD candidates Deborah Birney with 69 votes, John Nagy, independent, with 62, and James Prentice with 19.

Executive vice-president of internal affairs is Henry Zupanc with 152 votes over John Hamilton, BUD, with 103.

Tony Rao won the position of vice-president of external affairs with 159 votes over Maria Rossi, BUS, with 103.

CARMEN ANGI

The positions of vice-president, vice-president of athletics and club convener were won by acclamation by Leo Greco, John Angi and Tony Di Gioia, all of the Solidarity party, on March 9 following the resignation of three BUD party members.

Compared to last year's 504 ballots, only 267 votes were cast yesterday. Of all the votes, 73.4

See "SAC page 5.

Starts new adult training program

Niagara College is beginning a new adult training program next month to provide women with a sampling of the technical and trade skills soon to be essential in the work force.

"By the end of the century, the larger part of new entrants to the work force will be women," David Davies, chairman of the human development division, said. "For good economic reasons the federal government realizes it must provide training for the growing number of women."

Traditionally, women have been aimed away from trade, technology and engineering. Though this situation is beginning to change in the high schools, women who have been out of school for some time need the opportunity for basic training in these areas and refresher courses in the mathematics and physics which underpin them, Mr. Davies said.

FROM INTO

The program, Women into Trades and Technology (WIT), is an outgrowth of the Introduction to Non-Traditional Occupations (INTO) program.

The 18-week course beginning in April will include awareness and confidence building which is done through group discussions on such aspects as the changing role of women, barriers to employment, and self-assessment. Besides shop and classroom exposure, the women will receive practical experience in machining, metal work, drafting, construction and other trade related skills.

"The ones that are successful in this program are very secure about their femininity, Harriet Davidson, co-ordinator of Project Techtrain and WIT, said. "In the course we emphasize you don't have to give up your femininity and sometimes you have to be able to take a little teasing and discrimination."

Ms. Davidson said, after graduation, the women may be encouraged to take a skilled course at Welland Vale such as machining, welding, and drafting; upgrade their math and science and enrol in a post-secondary program or get on-the-job training with an employer in the area.

Most of the women enrolling in the course will be referred by Canada Employment Centres, formerly Manpower. They are either under unemployment insurance or training allowance, Ms. Davidson said.

"We've had people in out class that have academic skills," she said. "One had a BA in philosophy but had no math."

Good year in sports

Niagara College has had one of its best years in sports. The hockey team made it to the championships, the women's basketball team made it to the Ontario finals, the curling team made it to the OCAA finals, the men's basketball team made it to the quarter finals, and the badminton men's singles made it to the Ontario finals.

"It's been a good year for Niagara," Peter Rylander, from the athletic department, said. "We got better fan support at the basketball games because the teams were more competitive. It's good entertainment for the price."

NEIL PEART

Peart: Privacy before music

By DIANA BURI
and BETTINA JACKEVICIUS
Staff Writers

Many people have become successful , but few have managed to succeed without endless compromises and losing their integrity. But, for the three members of the Canadian rock band Rush, success has been achieved on their own terms.

"We have never compromised an inch on anything," 29-year-old drummer Neil Peart said during a telephone interview last week.

Unlike the "big" bands of the '70s who thought they had the formula to success with heavy merchandising and excessive media-hype, Rush found the formula within themselves.

"There was the idea that all you had to do was package something and it would sell," Peart said. "That was the biggest factor of the new wave movement at the end of the '70s because it proved that radio stations and record companies do not run the music business. It was our fundamental belief at the time that those people could not tell us how to make music.

"A guy that is a trained accountant does not know how to make records, doesn't have the slightest idea of how to write a song, so they have no business telling us how to make a record or what ways to compose a song or words to please."

Although Rush is internationally known, their success had been long in coming and it took them four albums to make an impact. As success has come slowly, it has been easy for them to feel secure and comfortable with what they are doing artistically.

See "Peart" page 12

Exotic's the word

By ANNE BOKMA
Staff Writer

"Hi grandpa, I'm Reuben, hi grandpa..." squawks Reuben, a yellow nape Amazon, from his iron cage which sits in the corner of the cluttered family room.

"My kids taught him that - Reuben's not even a year old, he has lots of potential," said Johanne Flikkema, who not only owns Reuben, but also an additional 4,000 tropical birds.

The sign on the lawn in front of Johanne and Mike Flikkema's ranch style home on Canboro Road, Fenwick, attracts much attention: "Flikkema Aviaries Breeder of parrots, finches and canaries. Visitors welcome."

About 14 years ago the Flikkemas owned a greenhouse business and began collecting birds as a hobby. "We used to have the birds as pets but the greenhouse business became expensive so we did something odd and took a gamble," Mrs. Flikkema said.

That gamble resulted in Mr. Flikkema building two large barns behind his house to accommodate thousands of exotic birds. Mrs. Flikkema manages the bird business while her husband works as a glazier.

The 74 different types of birds at their farm include exotic breeds such as : Rock Pebbler parakeet, Crimson Rosella, Umbrella Cockatoo, Cherry Head Conure and, of course, lovebirds. Prices range from $20 for black mask doves to $3,200 for a rose breasted cocatoo.

NO REGRETS

The Flikkemas breed and sell birds. They have a 90 per cent private clientele and promise lower prices than pet stores.

Though she has a lot of paperwork and red tape to fight through when ordering birds, Mrs. Flikkema says she has never regretted going into the bird business. "I love it; I meet people from all over." The Flikkemas ship all over Canada and also to the West Indies and Alaska.

Once the birds are delivered to her, they are quarantined on a different premises for 28 days for small birds and 45 days for the larger birds. "If I didn't quarantine them, this place could be full of disease," she said. "It's a risky business venture; if we bring in one load from Europe with a contagious disease. we are through."

A couple of years ago the bird business was the talk of the town when the Flikkemas were interviewed by Don Polac, special assignment reporter for Eyewitness News, and their farm was on television. "My husband made sure he wasn't on T.V., but I loved it," she said.

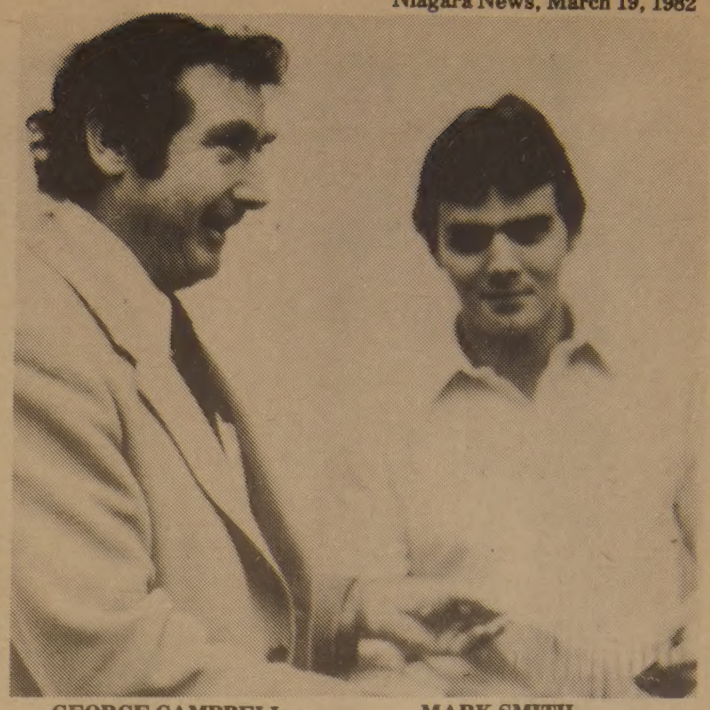
There are a few birds at the farm which cannot be bought "for any amount of money." These are the birds that Mrs. Flikkema and her four children have become attached to and keep in large cages in their home.

AWARDS

Between 1975 and 1979, 16 trophies for Best Kept Bird have been awarded to the Flikkemas.

Just recently they bought three acres of land down the road from their home and plan to build two two-storey buildings exclusively for breeding.

Are there any drawbacks to having a bird farm? "Well, I get tired of people asking me if I ever killed two birds with one stone," she said.



GEORGE CAMPBELL MARK SMITH

Awards for high marks

Mark Smith and Tom Marcantonio, first-year manufacturing engineering students, each received a $250 cheque by the manufacturing engineering technician program for their scholastic marks attained in the fall term.

Mark attained a 3.81 average while Tom finished with a 3.74 average.

The money is a component of a $1,000 grant given annually to the program by the Forging Industry, Educational and Research Foundation, George Campbell, co-ordinator, said.

"Two board members visited the college three years ago and were impressed with our facilities," Mr. Campbell said. "As a result they give us money each year for student awards and faculty development."

Mr. Campbell said the only stipulation is that "we teach students about the forging industry, processes and methods."

Mind over body

There is a morning after...

By ANNE BOKMA
Staff Writer

They had warned me about the morning after.

Crawling painfully out of bed this morning, I not-so-silently cursed my over-zealous efforts of last night.

I could barely straighten my back — could it be possible to develop a hunchback overnight ? The backs of my legs were so sore and stiff, I felt as though I had undergone 24 hours in a Chinese torture rack.

But such is the punishment for those who enrol in a fitness class.

There is a very strange things about these classes which I've never been able to pinpoint before. Last night the realization hit me. At least 90 per cent of the women who did situps,deep-knee bends and high kicks with me resembled bean poles. The other 10 per cent were easily distinguishable by their well rounded bodies and the way they all kept muttering "oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt."

After an hour of strenuous exercise and swimming 10 lengths in the pool, I decided I would treat my body to a glorious steam bath in the sauna.

With the temperature at 120 degrees fahrenheit and steadily rising, I began to wonder if I really was doing my body such a favor. After 10 minutes, I felt as if I was shriveling up and had visions of leaving the sauna four inches shorter.

But I must confess the whole evening wasn't all that bad. I mean, the fitness instructor did bring me a nice cool drink after I fainted during my 43rd situp.

After a refreshing shower during which I slipped on a bar of soap (no, I didn't break my neck...only a fingernail), I did feel as though the whole torturous trauma had made me a healthier person.

But when I walked out into the lounge, I couldn't believe my eyes. There were the women who had sweated beside me. They, who furiously tried to reach their toes with me and who swam an exasperating 10 lengths with me...I couldn't believe it... they were munching out on Oh Henrys, Fritos, Coca Cola and, one woman, looking not a trifle embarrassed, was nibbling on a hot dog laden with ketchup and mustard!

A group of young women sat on lounge chairs huddled around an ash tray, furiously puffing cigarettes. Hypocrites, Ithought.

I began to walk toward the door but changed my direction and headed for the snack bar — after all, I consoled myself, I earned it.

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MADELINE and WILLIAM URQUHART

Fonthill couple works to fight world hunger

It is estimated that 14 million people starved to death last year and that 25,000 people die every 24 hours from diseases caused by dirty water.

Mr. and Mrs. William Urquhart, of the Canadian Hunger Foundation (CHF), spoke to students of an International Relations elective March 10 and showed slides of their trip to India.

The Urquharts have been to India three times, in 1976-77 and 1977-78, and stayed for six months at a time. Last winter they stayed for six weeks. They lived in a village called Kanjari in the state of Gujarat in the Kaira district.

"It's a very dry area," Madeline Urquhart said. There is a desert in the north. She said there are some poor areas and there are some that are not if the land is irrigated for farming.

"It didn't matter how little an Indian person had, they were always ready to share with you," Mrs. Urquhart said. "Indian family life is very family centred; it is often extended and the people love to take on other people into their family."

LIVE SIMPLY

She said anyone who can afford it all, has servants. "It doesn't mean they had luxuries," she said. Even well educated people with a profession "lived simply" with dirt floors.

The Fonthill couple used to own a farm along the Welland River near Wellandport until 1973 when Mr. Urquhart sold his dairy herd and became a member of the CHF.

When Mr. Urquhart was first asked to go to India, it was to take care of cattle for a breeding program. The 68-year-old Mrs. Urquhart "wanted to be included" so she went with him.

500 HOLSTEINS

In India, her 67-year-old husband took care of 500 Holstein heifers for the program. The heifers at 15 months of age would be artificially inseminated by Holstein bulls and the resulting offspring which were bulls would be used to artificially inseminate the Hindu cows.

Mr. Urquhart said the native cattle have a natural resistance to heat and that cross-breeding them would retain that resistance a lot better.

"The program has proven very successful," he said. "It's very economical making use of the native cattle." Mr. Urquhart said there are now 2,500 head of cattle there now. He started with 500.

The CHF is a non-profit organization and its main purpose is to teach self-help to countries in the Third World.

It particularly assists organizations involved with food and water production.

Funding up 13%

Niagara College will receive a 13.06 per cent increase in operating grants from the provincial government for the 1982-83 year.

But this "generous increase" will not be repeated and all colleges have been notified that they must develop long-term plans to decrease their levels of activities by three to five per cent to prepare "for the lean years ahead," Jacqueling Robarts, Niagara College president, said in a memorandum to all full-time employees.

The grant represents about 59 per cent of the total college operating revenue, she said.

"The realization of a 13.06 per cent increase makes the situation look much brighter for Niagara College," Miss Robarts said.

However, although the original budget was developed on the premise of an 8.5 per cent increase, there is still no guarantee that full-time staff will not be laid off.

"While I am unable to guarantee that there will be no layoffs of regular, full-time faculty, support and administrative staff members in 1982-83, every attempt is being made to preserve the regular, full-time staff employed at Niagara College," Miss Robarts said.

College assembly studies attrition

A lack of commitment by students going to the college seems to be one of the major reasons for the high rate of attrition.

The second meeting of the academic assembly of Niagara College met March 16 to discuss why some programs have attrition rates as high as 65 per cent.

The academic assembly is made up of instructors, students, counsellors and administrators.

Motivation and commitment are the most important things," John Giancarlo, executive dean and chairman of the assembly, said. "Students must have the proper attitude."

The incentive is lost after a while, Lee-Ann Prodger, business student, said. "The first semester is easy, the second much harder, students don't expect things to get so difficult."

Willard Wright, human relations co-ordinator, suggested that attrition is not a bad thing. "By the very nature" of the college system, the colleges are getting good and bad students and naturally that leads to attrition, he said. It is much more important that the college make it easy for students to get back into school, later when they are ready.

Mr. Wright said a recommendation should be made to the Board of Governors to make attendance compulsory in the first year of a program. That way students who can't handle the freedom they are given in college as compared to high school, will be given a chance to adjust, he said. He said students should be placed on course probation if they miss five classes. If they continue not to show up for classes then they should be thrown out of the course.

However, another instructor said he would rather have uninterested, card playing students outside his class instead of inside where they can disrupt others who want to learn.

VOTED DOWN

Mr. Wright's recommendation was put to a vote and defeated seven to five.

A suggestion was made that students be tested before they are accepted at Niagara College. David Davies, chairman of human development division said interviews with applicants. written essays and aptitude tests might help instructors pick students with motivation and ability and cut down on attrition.

Amil Knebel, co-ordinator of electrical engineering technician, said aptitude tests had been tried by the college three years ago. After two years counsellors looked at the graduates and found that aptitude tests had not been conclusive. A large number of students who did graduate had failed the aptitude tests.

Tech students design cars, will enter race for mileage

By LINDA FORD
Staff Writer

Mechanical engineering technology students have built a car they hope will get 600 miles per gallon. They plan to enter the car—which looks like a cross between a dragster and a bicycle—in the Shell Fuelathon May 27 at the Research Centre in Oakville.

Nick Cioffi, co-ordinator of the mechanical engineering technology program, said this is the first time Niagara College has entered the contest. The Fuelathon will be part of National Transportation Week and is open to all colleges and universities in Canada.

The record

Mr. Cioffi said the Canadian record was set last year by the University of Saskatchewan — 1,033.3 miles per gallon. "We won't get that much, but I think we'll be in the race."

No money was budgeted for the project so students had to depend on local sponsors, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and their own money to finish the car. The engine was donated by Brock Golfland, the steel by E.S. Fox and Clare Cycle and Sports offered to help service the car.

The Locker Room in Welland has offered to sell the team jackets and overalls at a special price and print emblems on them for free. "We'll look like a team when we go," Mr. Cioffi said.

It is run by a Honda motorcycle engine and has three bicycle tires that were modified to minimize resistance. The car to be entered in the Special Class at the Fuelathon will also be entered in the Welland Rose Parade this summer.

The three-man team, Ken Horner, Alan Munro (driver) and Al Bering, are very excited about participating, Mr. Ciofi said.

Mr. Cioffi said there are two other teams of students also building cars. Niagara College can enter one car for sure and maybe the other two depending on how many other colleges enter the contest.

John Brown and Jim Beattie are working on a car with a diesel engine and a completely different design. Tony Scolaro and Kevin Gallard are using a moped engine to drive their car.

Mr. Cioffi said he wants to have a competition at the end of April for these three cars. He hopes to use one of the airport strips at Welland Airport for a track.

He said he expects the car built by Ken, Alan and Al to win because they have more time to design their car.

Good chance

"We have a good chance of getting all three in the race." He said all three entries were in early. Each college gets to enter one. If there is any space left then they choose the earliest entry for a second place.

First prize in the Fuelathon is $2,000, second is $1,000 and third is $500. The money will go to the institution's mechanical technology programs.

The Fuelathon will be videotaped by radio and television students.

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NIAGARA
EDITORIALS

Religion monetary, fanatics on ego trip

Oh God, here we go again. This world is nuts. In some nations, believing in God is a no-no and in others a person is considered a heathen if he doesn't.

The most irritating thing of all is when members of a certain religious group go out recruiting souls by preaching damnation and the fiery depths of hell to people standing at bus stops or walking into the college.

This editorial was not written to persecute any religion but if there is a freedom to preach, then there should be a freedom to protest.

In this country we are lucky to live without people like the KGB breathing down our necks, but turn on the television. There, with smacks on the head, Oral Roberts is saving souls in Oral Roberts City and Earnest Angely is curing people of hideous diseases they got because of their sins.

These people are worth millions of dollars and it is no secret that religion means big bucks. Maybe that is the reason for the brainwashing. Non-believers who mind their own business do not shell out their hard-earned money at collection time every Sunday.

There are some people in this world who refuse to bow down and let themselves be brainwashed like a bunch of mindless robots. Let the religious fanatics who hand out leaflets in front of the school turn blue from the cold. Let God save their frostbitten toes.

Even more irritating are the evangelists who come knocking at the door at home. Didn't anybody ever teach them about a person's right to privacy in his own home?

If everyone has the right to choose his or her lifestyle in a free country such as Canada, then why can't we have the right to choose a religion on our own if we want one or not?

If there is a God, he or she created the sun, the moon, the sky, television and Big Macs. Something can't be created from nothing. God must be at the bottom of everything. Then God probably created preachers. So who do these multi-million dollar non-sinners think they are trying to fill God's shoes.?

It's an awful big ego trip. Didn't Hitler have one of those once?

Cathi Bruno

Students will recall year of rise and fall

As the school year comes to an end, many students are taking a backward look. In many ways it's been a worrisome year. Every year there are more students wanting to get into the college, yet less money to run the school with.

Although colleges in Ontario generally received more funding than was expected, government has already told us not to expect more of the same for the coming years. Returning students can expect to pay higher tuition fees, but yet get less for their money.

Classroom time will be cut down to an average of 22 or 23 hours per week. Part-time staff will be cut, thus putting a heavier burden on full-time staff.

Many of us will remember this year as the year of bad parking conditions. Many a car's shocks were sorely tried by what Jack Spittle calls inverted speed bumps and students call potholes.

Some of us will look back in the years to come and think of all the parking tickets accumulated because of the inadequate number of available parking spaces.

Other students will remember the hours spent playing guessing games, wondering who would be next to resign from SAC.

Yet for all that, there were many good times. Evenings that were spent at the Theatre Centre watching excellent stage productions by the Theatre Arts students. Feb. 18 and 19, when Niagara College celebrated Canada with interesting and varied speakers, guests and displays. There were fashion shows put on by Fashion Arts students and several good pubs.

But most of all, the years at Niagara College were a learning experience, immensely enjoyed and infinitely valuable for the years to come.

To the instructors, counsellors, caretakers, administrators and friends, — thank you; and to the graduates — good luck!

Wally Weins

I think that I shall never see...

A barren tree stands in slumber awaiting the first sign of spring when its foliage will sprout to envelop the countryside in green. (Photo by Leger)

BULLPIT

Take hard hats to States, police violence unjustified

By ANNETTE PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Police brutality is a phrase used to mean unnecessary violence or force by police. It is usually used by those who have been arrested to describe the horrors of the legal system. And it has one notable characteristic - it is seldom ever witnessed by a third party.

In Canada, these cases are relatively few and far between, however, just across the border, I found the laws governing police behavior not quite so stringent.

While waiting in line outside one of Buffalo's more popular night spots, Uncle Sam's, I was surprised, to say the least, to see a man come flying (literally) out of the bar.

The man, about 25 years old, landed face first one the gravel driveway. Not ten seconds later, two "security guards" came running through the door and jumped on top of him. Brandishing flashlights about three inches in diameter and a foot and a half long, the security guards began smashing the man's head with the lights.

HARD TO JUSTIFY

Had the man been trying to run away, they may have been able to justify this treatment. Or had he committed a major crime, I might sympathize with security. But getting drunk in a public night club? Heaven forbid! This man might have deserved the beating — had he murdered or raped.

And as the man lay there, face bloodied from being pounded into the gravel, with two big fat security guards sitting on top of him and his arms pinned behind his back, a so-called friend came at last to his aid.

"Okay guys, hit him once and then I'll take him home," the friend said.

The guards didn't even look up at him as they continued beating on the man on the ground.

ONE MORE TIME

"Okay guys, hit him again. Okay one more time. That's enough. Okay one more time then I'll take him home. Okay one more time..."

This went on for about five minutes until a police cruiser came and took both men to jail.

And what happens to the security guards? Should they be licensed for this kind of work if they can't even handle a drunk? Well, I went back the next weekend, just to see, and they were still there. So if you are planning a trip to Uncle Sam's, Buffalo, be sure to either not drink, or take a good, reliable hard hat.

Legion member receives pin

By DOLLY KUSHMIER
Staff Writer

Seventy-nine-year-old Elsie Slingerland has spent much of her life helping others, but she's not a saint.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake resident, who smokes two packages of cigarettes a day, "likes the men" and keeps healthy by having two drinks before dinner and two before she goes to bed, was awarded a lifetime membership to commenorate her service record with Branch 124 of the Women's Auxilary to the Legion. She has been a member since its formation 40 years ago and received a silver pin and necklace in appreciation of her work and devotion.

"I've enjoyed working for all those years," she said. "Anyone who works today and has good health should keep working because you need interests to make life more interesting. I'm passed working now because of my arthritis, but I still attend meetings."

A native of Sutton Bridge, England, Mrs. Slingerland came to Canada when she was 11 years old. She later married her husband, Charles Lloyd, and had six children who are all married and living throughout Ontario. It was during the Second World War when her husband was in the army overseas that she became active in volunteer work.

"The Women's Auxilary was formed to raise money for the men in the Legion and they used it to help the community. We also put meals on the raise money and sent parcels to the men overseas. It made use feel like we were doing our share."

VIEWPOINT

Freedom / Women

Immigrant now has 'everything' one bed, vacuum, and freedom

By LINDA DUGUAY
Staff Writer

Juliana Viski Kovacs, 33, a landed immigrant from Romania who recently completed the English as a Second Language Program (EASL) at Welland Vale, said she, her husband and son left behind a big house, nice car, good jobs and their families, but have "everything" here.

She said everything is a two-room apartment, one bed in which her son sleeps, a vacuum cleaner and freedom.

The Kovacs arrived in Canada from Austria, where they spent eight months in a refugee camp, in September, 1981. Determined to belong, Juliana registered in the 24-week continuous intake EASL program.

"Juliana has proven to be the most fluent student in reading, writing and speaking that I have taught," instructor Mary O'Shea said.

Juliana said she found the language extremely difficult to learn at first. She always compared the languages, but when she started thinking in English, it was much easier.

"I practise all the time. When I cook I listen to English records. I watch TV, listen to radio and study on the bus. I am proud to become Canadian."

Upon arrival in Canada, Juliana said she was immediately impressed with the variety of goods in stores.

"When I saw the stores with so much in them, and no long lines of people, I forgot my mouth," she said excitedly. "In Romania if I wanted to buy shoes for my son, many times I had to travel to a different town. Even if we have money to buy there is short supply and no choice."

Surprise

She said the greatest surprise was the comparatively larger size of stores, living quarters, roads and cars.

Juliana worked as a computer programmer in Romania. She recently got a job in Cambridge working on an assembly line at a filter company, but doesn't mind working with her hands until her English is good enough to get a better job, she said.

She said Canadians could not comprehend the pressure of life in her homeland or any Communist country unless they went to see for themselves.

"I think it would be good to go there to see what life is like for one month. That would be enough."

Juliana said she and her fellow natives had no true concept of what it could be like to live in a non-Communist country.

"They teach us that capitalists are poor, have nothing, that the workers are exploited and only the owners of the big factories are not poor."

In the only newspaper for a city with a population of 175,000, there might be three inches of foreign news, but even that is about other Communist countries, she said.

JULIANA VISKI KOVACS

"It is a small paper, like the Niagara News, with only six pages," she said. "It mostly tells of what the prime minister is doing. I read it because it made me laugh."

She said there is a single television channel, aired from 5 to 10 p.m., during which there is one hour of news about what the prime minister is doing for his people.

She said even the movies are strictly censored. She recalls seeing a one-hour cowboy movie which lasted four hours here. "They cut out all the most interesting parts," she laughed.

Juliana said at first, she and her husband had been granted passports to visit other Communist countries, but never capitalist ones. "They are afraid when we see how they lied, we don't come back."

She said when they applied for a passport to visit Austria, officials checked them out carefully.

"Police came to see us at home and when they saw we had a nice house and car, they thought we'd come back so they let us go.

"I wondered many times why they did not give me a passport to go see capitalist countries, and now I know why. It is because when I see, I don't come back."

Left son

When Juliana and her husband were granted passports to visit Austria, they were not permitted to take their 13-year-old son. They spent eight months in a refugee camp in Austria, where they learned to speak German, as Canadian officials worked to get the boy out.

"It was nice, but it was hard times because my son was still in Romania and we were afraid we would never get him out."

Their lives were not their own in Romania, she said.

"You work day and night, and when you get a big house, they say, you have to give it to others." Juliana said since their house had more rooms than officials thought necessary, they had to take in boarders for a minimal amount of money.

Worked fields

She said every fall she had to go out and work in the fields, apart from her regular job, but received no extra pay.

"There is no free choice," she said.

She recalls one incident when the prime minister was visiting her city, and all workers were ordered to stay after work to go to the road to cheer him as he drove down the streets. Sick with a cold, whe went home instead, and was docked two days' pay.

She said they chose Canada because she read about it, and people were helpful and friendly.

"I have not been here long, but I like this country. I don't have many words to explain. I think people are happy."

War limited education

Woman struggled to become nurse

By IDA BRUNI
Staff Writer

For a woman to have a career and a family is not unusual today, but it was not always that way for Alice Souder, registered nursing assistant (RNA) at Port Colborne hospital.

"Today women can be what they want to be and that's terrific," the 56-year-old nurse said. When she was young, things were different. "You went out to work earlier, you married earlier and you had to be more responsible earlier."

Went back

Mrs. Souder has been an RNA for almost 20 years. A few years ago, she went back to school part-time to take the RNA advanced learning classes offered at Niagara College. She completed the last eight classes this year.

"It was a very good learning experience," she said. "I was upgrading myself."

Mrs. Souder decided to go into nursing after the youngest of her four sons began kindergarten. She chose nursing because back then "there weren't too many areas open to women. Things are different today and that's great."

Prior to nursing, she worked for Fleet Aircraft in Fort Erie. It was wartime and most of the men were fighting overseas. She started as a drill press operator and then moved to precision work on the turret lathe. "You had 30 days to prove whether you were competent as a machinist," she said. She was also required to read blueprints and be precise to the thousandth of an inch.

Limited

"You were limited as to education," she said. It was too strict and too expensive for most people. Just after the depression when she was a teenager, there was no money for school because "you had to buy your own books and things and there was no money and no jobs."

The education system of today is "what we wanted for future generations." When she began nursing, one of the registered nurse requirements was to be unmarried and go away to school for three years. The RNAs didn't have the same requirements so she chose it instead.

She says today's generation is luckier to have more community colleges like Niagara. "If it weren't for Niagara, I couldn't have done it," she said referring to the advanced learning classes. The classes were required by the college of nurses and if Niagara had not offered it, she would have had to go away. "The college offers a lot."

Mrs. Souder graduated from Welland County General Hospital in 1963. It was the first class offered in the area; in previous years, women in the area had to go to Hamilton or Toronto for training.

She has been working for the Port Colborne Hospital since she graduated and she enjoys the work. "I like working with people and getting to know and understand them," she said. "I enjoy the patient-to-nurse contact.

To continue

Although Mrs. Souder has finished her classes and doesn't have to take any more, she still plans to continue her education. "I would like to take some law and government classes and a few more nursing courses."

"I think anything you do and learn is never wasted," she said. "I would like to do a lot of things, but I don't have too much time left."

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per cent, or 204 votes, came from the main campus, 44 from the Horticulture Centre, 10 from the Theatre Centre and 17 from Mack Nursing Centre.

The Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls did not participate in the elections.

"They didn't want us down there," Mark Ross, SAC vice-president of athletics, said. He was told, "We thought you understood that we didn't want you here."

Asked who said this, he replied it was Brian Coleman, president of the hotel club.

The Solidarity Party based their platform on greater student involvement and representation, improved relations with satellite campuses and a feeling of unity among students.

While not making specific promises, the BUD party's objectives were to create better communication between students and SAC and to have the necessary time to listen to students.

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Colonies in space — a reality?

Space travel may soon stop being science-fiction and become instead science-fact. At least this is what the Niagara Frontier L5 Society believe.

Two members, Debby Stading and Charles Fassel, said life in outer space was "a real and viable idea" within the next 10 years. They came to Niagara College earlier this month to present their case to students taking the technology and the future elective.

"We are probably going to be living on colonies in space," Mr. Fassel said. "we've got materials, equipment and people to do it. All that's needed is money to get from where we are to the practical near future."

Name

The socicty takes its name from five "Lagrange Liberation Points." These points are places in space with a gravitational balance between earth and the moon. If something is put there, it will stay there because the gravities of the earth and moon will keep nudging it back into place.

Mr. Fassel said any orbiting body has these points. L1, L2 and L3 are between the earth and moon. L4 and L5 are on the same orbit as the moon but 60 degrees on either side. "This is a practical distance."

Mr. Fassel said the biggest problem in starting the colonies is to find materials to build with because already we have the technology to do it. This problem could be solved if the "external fuel tanks on the Space Shuttle Columbia could be put into orbit." Now they are jettisoned after take-off and burn up in the atmosphere.

The L5 Society believes these fuel tanks — about the size and shape of a silo — could be used as living quarters. they could be put together to build "the simplest form of space station" in a low earth orbit.

"This is the first construction shack stage."

In space with no gravity the tanks could be held together with aluminum sheets turned into girders. "There would be very little chance of being hit by an asteroid."

There are other advantages of manufacturing things in space. People could grow perfect huge crystals in space — on earth they would callapse under their own weight.

Drugs and medications could be 100 per cent pure because there could be no need to put them into containers. Sound waves could be used to hold something — "acoustic containment."

Disadvantage

Disadvantages of no gravity could be overcome "by putting a spin" on the space station. Artificial gravity can be created by rotating the space station around a centre axis. The extremities would have the most gravity and centre the least.

Sometimes it would not be possible to create gravity. "Things act weird out in space," Miss Stading said. "Liquids form a perfect sphere when allowed to float freely. Everything has to be tested to see how it will react in outer space."

Another disadvantage is that "all your muscles weaken" from lack of use. Circulation problems are also common among people who have been in low gravity for a long time.

Calcium dissipates and bones become brittle. Some scientists fear that a person who spends too much time in outer space may be crippled by the gravity of earth.

They also fear that generations will evolve so they can't return to earth.

The L5 Society has other ideas besides the one about the external fuel tanks. "The inflatable Beach Ball Theory" involves space stations shot into orbit that inflate once in a certain place.

UN proclaims unity day

The United Nations (UN) has proclaimed the first day of spring March 21, as the International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination.

"This is a good time to reflect on the thoughts of the Prophet about the need for Unity in Diversity," James Nicholas, Welland UN chapter president, said.

"It is the ethnic and cultural diversity of men that account for the colorful richness of humanity."

British unions effective

British trade unions are probably more effective than Canadian trade unions because of their political connections through the British Labor party, Brian Spittles, head of the communications division at Ruskin College in England, said.

He spoke about trade unions to labor and management students here last week.

In Britain, there is almost no such thing as an illegal strike, whereas in Canada the government is much more powerless. However, British trade unions could be doing more to help the country recover from the economic slump, he said.

Most British trade unions "are probably not acting very positively to the unemployment," Mr. Spittles said.

While the official unemployment in England is hovering about 12 to 13 per cent, the real unemployment is closer to 18 per cent, he said. "In the poorer areas, mainly the industrial areas, unemployment is more than 20 per cent."

British trade unions might not be able to provide jobs for many of those unemployed, but "they could provide education for these people."

High unemployment in Britain stems largely from the fact that few of the jobless have skills to offer. "A lot of unemployed have never been employed."

Mr. Spittles is on a sabbatical term, which gives him an opportunity to talk to trade unionists and educators in North America.

He said there is a 'huge difference between the economies of Europe and North America, and students from both continents do not seem to understand how the other works.

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Funeral director Sandy MacIver stands between two beautiful bouquets of flowers at the chapel in the funeral home where he works. (Photo by Derocco)

Funeral directors' image not Dickens' stereotype

By DAVE DEROCCO
and DON PROCTER
Staff Writers

Parlor perfume permeates the air. Colorful bouquets of chrysanthemums, peonies and carnations are the only embellishment in the chapel, a visual epitaph on recent death.

In the parking lot, Sandy MacIver is busily shovelling snow. Although he is a funeral director, cleaning house is part of his job.

"You've got to be a housekeeper," Sandy, 41, said. "It's part of the job. There's vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning windows. Quite often you're working outside, too.

Sandy got into the field because of the freedom and security the job offered him. "Dying is a part of living; there will always be a need for this profession," he said.

Dickens' image

The image created by Dickens of a funeral director being a gaunt, gloomy sort carrying around a tape measure hardly fits Sandy's beaming, energetic personality. He said most people have misconceptions about his job.

"Most people think this job is the pits," he said. "But you don't really know until you get into it."

T. Michael Walker, who is unsure why he got into the field, now has his own funeral home.

"Initially, the job is difficult," he said. "It's not so much dealing with the body, but rather making the adjustment with your own lifestyle, needs, wants and desires, so you can focus total attention on the needs of the people and friends."

Generally, it is a 12-hour day for Michael, though "I am on 24-hour call 365 days a year."

The cost of a funeral ranges from $1,000 to $5,000, but the average cost of a complete funeral is from $1,800 to $2,220, Michael said.

There are many complaints about the high cost of dying, but Sandy said "when you make someone look like they did 10 years ago, it is such a calming effect on the family."

Both men graduated from a two-year funeral director's course at Humber College which involved nine months in school and 15 months of in-service training. After the 15-month period, there is a two-week refresher course, after which the Board of Funeral Services exam must be written.

The two men stress service to the family as the most important aspect of their job.

"Most important, you have to be able and willing to listen," Michael said. "I might have a cold, but my nose means nothing compared to their loss. The key is the family calls all the shots."

Family decision

Embalming, whether to have an open casket and chapel services are entirely the decision of the family. Embalming serves two purposes, Michael said.

"Embalming allows family and friends the opportunity to view the body," he said. "Secondly, it preserves and sanitizes the remains so the family may carry out any religious or humanistic preferences they like."

Michael said a body does not have to be embalmed unless it is being transported across a provincial or international border.

Although they have different reasons on why they got into funeral services, both Michael and Sandy agree on what they get out of it.

Job reward

"I get the biggest reward when someone comes up to me and says 'Hey, thanks a lot! You really helped us out,'" Michael said. "That's what it's all about."

Tech registrar sees more aware student

Fred Thayer, registrar of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians (OACETT), said he sees a different kind of student these days — one with "an increased awareness and interest."

Nearly 100 technology students turned out last Wednesday to hear Mr. Thayer explain the history and benefits of membership in OACETT. The information night was organized by the Construction Engineering Technologists Club and the local chapter of oacett.

"People are beginning to see the difference between a job and a career," he said. "That is why it is so important to know what's going on in your field."

One of the benefits of OACETT is an employment service. Members can send in resumes and these will be kept on file until an opening comes up. Sometimes job advertisements in newspapers specify membership as a requirement.

Ruth Klein, director of publications and communications, showed a slide presentation to explain the history and current concerns of the association. It has 12,000 members.

Upgrading skills and professional development of its members is a major concern. Technicians can take courses through OACETT to become technologists.

After his speech, Mr. Thayer was mobbed by students eager to ask questions or fill out applications. Graduates can become associate members. After two years work experience, they can become full members.

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This devoted electronic bingo player listens carefully for the number called and then quickly blots it out with her marker. Diamond Bingo in Fort Erie is packed seven nights a week and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

(Photo by Harris)

Electronic bingo rage hits Niagara region

By BONNIE HARRIS
Staff Writer

"Number 59...BINGO!"

The excited shout was heard by hundreds of people in the Bingo Centre. Moans filled the air when the elderly man accepted his $1,000 prize. Back at his table, one woman asked, "Didn't you just win $100?" The smiling man nodded and said, "Yes, and I won $1,000 last week at the other bingo in town."

This is no small-town bingo played with nuggets of corn or plastic chips in a church hall. The wave of technology and computers has given birth to the electronic bingo rage.

Although electronic bingo is fairly new, it is spreading quickly and involving many. People who have won the generous cash prizes say they continue to play because they like the feeling of winning. Those who have not won say they are determined to play until they do win.

A housewife from Fort Erie said she lives for the evenings when she goes to bingo. "I play three nights a week on Jarvis Street and the other nights on Garrison Road. I've never won, but I have come close many times and this is why I can't give up."

The cost for an evening of electronic bingo is about the same anywhere. In Fort Erie, a regular night is $10 per person. This cost includes the $1,000 games. One night during the week is Bring-a-Friend night. The couple pays only $15 for the entire evening. Most places have a Share-the-Wealth game which costs extra. It may be worth it if 500 people play and the game costs $1. The winner would walk away with $250...not bad for a few minutes of blotting out numbers on a card.

There are many differences between the traditional bingo and electronic bingo. The letters B-I-N-G-O never come into play. They do not even appear on bingo cards. Instead of five vertical rows of numbers under the five letters in the word, there are nine vertical and three horizontal rows. Just as the traditional card has one number blocked out (free space), so the electronic bingo card has 12 blocked out, leaving 15 to be played.

When the announcer selects a number and calls it out, he holds it under a camera and it appears quickly on a video screen. He then places the number-ball on a board resembling a keyboard. The entire board is displayed on a huge screen visible to all players.

A beginning electronic bingo player should be prepared to miss some action before he completely understands the game. A person must call bingo before the next number is called by the announcer. He can only win with the last number that gave him a bingo. If he waits until the next number, it is not a part of his bingo; therefore, he loses his bingo. This would be frustrating in a game worth $1,000.

Other cities also offer electronic bingo. The Main Street Auditorum in Welland fills with people anxious to win some cash or just enjoy a night out.

Whatever the reason is, people young and old, are getting in on the numbers game. They realize it is not a game restricted to housewives or older people. Instead, it is a way to win pocket money, become rich, or just get together with old friends - or young ones.

NIAGARA

ENTERTAINMENT

Collecting cacti

No effort for plant lovers

By WENDY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

If house plants seem to wither under your loving attention; perhaps cactus would be the answer.

In a lecture to second-year horticulture students Martha Veldhvis of Veldhvis Greenhouses in Dundas told students that "cactus thrive on neglect."

The only way to hurt a cactus is by over watering, she said. "If you over water a cactus it will disintegrate and go into a mushy little ball." Give it a good soaking and forget about it for a few weeks. Watering once a month is enough.

Originally from the desert or jungle, cactus require good drainage, light and a small container since "they like to be cosy." Fertilizer should be applied in March when the sap is running and house plants are beginning to get active.

VARIETIES

Cactus come in thousands of varieties. There are hanging plants, baby toes and bunny ears. Some are odd, some are ugly, some are curious—each is unique. "If you have one of a kind you have something special."

"High rises are an ideal place for a cactus garden," she said. "Simply place the containers directly in the soil. They make good companions and there is always something new and exciting you can add to your collection."

A good cactus soil can be made by mixing one-third top soil, one-third peat moss and a combination of builders' sand, charcoal, bone meal and oyster shell. A little sand on top will help with drainage.

COLLECTS CACTUS

Like people who collect stamps, there are people who collect only one type of plant. A man in the United States collects a cactus that resembles a rock but sheds its skin like a snake.

Although there are many varieties and differences, the thing all cactus have in common is that "if you sit on them you will get up in a hurry. It may look soft and cuddly, but it is wicked." The most dangerous are those that have very fine thorns that have to be taken out with adhesive tape.

"In California there are cactus rustlers, just like cattle rustlers."

A large cactus is worth $500 to $2,500. From seed these plants take 100 years to grow.

Cactus bloom from the top, bottom, centre or in a ring. One cactus Miss Veldhvis owned bloomed 10 to 12 feet high and two panes in the greenhouse had to be removed.

Plants can be forced into bloom by increasing the light, decreasing the temperature down to 40 degrees, and keeping it in a crowded container.

"You have to be ruthless" when taking a cutting, she said. "Talk to it, tell it it is not going to hurt." Then lop off a section of the cactus, let it dry and stick it directly into soil.

There is no hurry when transplanting a cactus. Pack it into a suitcase and travel "you don't have to hurry. You can wait for years."

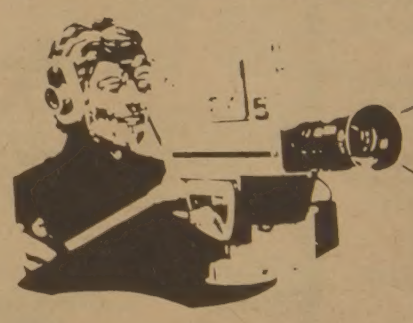
"A drop of water on a flower is a miracle," she said. Plastic plants are dead objects and "I always say you are welcome to them." If the flowers are plastic at a restaurant, "how do you know what the dinner is going to be like?"

World foods at dance

An international dinner/ dance will be presented by hotel and restaurant students at the Polish legion hall in Niagara Falls on Saturday, April 3.

The buffet-style meal will include three salads, French onion soup, Cantonese Chow mein, perogies, poached sole, and curried lamb. The Tony Diodeti Orchestra will provide the music, Linda Druery, public relations officer for the dinner, said. At midnight, a light buffet of hors d'oeuvres, cheese plates and cold meats will be available.

She said cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30, and dancing to follow. Tickets are $16 each and anyone interested can call the Rainbow Hotel Centre at 357-2119.



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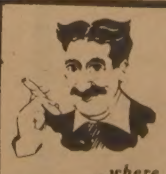

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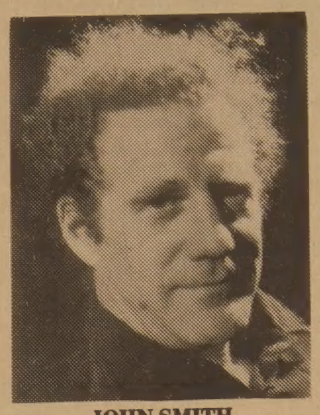
Oscar nominee holds workshop for students

Second and third-year film students received a first-hand look at the film-making scene in Canada when Oscar nominee John Smith presented a two-day director's workshop at the college Feb. 22-23.

Mr. Smith, from the National Film Board in Montreal, gave students advice and guidance on filming techniques when he joined a student crew on location in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls during shooting of a 15-minute drama based on an original screenplay by third-year student Andre Roy.

In addition, Mr. Smith, who is nominated in the short film category for First Winter, a half-hour drama set in the Ottawa Valley in the 1830s about the first Irish-Canadian settlers, presented a six-hour seminar in the Hamilton room Feb. 23. Students screened some of their films for him and received criticisms on their work.



JOHN SMITH

PLEASED

Elias Petras, film instructor, said Mr. Smith was pleased with the quality of student films.

"John thought a couple of films were extremely well done," Mr. Petras said. "He encouraged some students to go to distribution centres and try to market them."

While he was a political science student at a Montreal university, Mr. Smith became involved in producing films when, in 1967, he and a fellow student submitted a project to the CBC. In 1972, he won an Emmy for 51st State, a current affairs show produced for WNET, New York's public broadcasting station.

He is directing and editing a film featuring performances by many of Canada's major dance companies.

Horticultural Open House this weekend

The Horticulture Centre is holding its annual Open House this weekend at 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines.

The horticultural update and trade show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chef wins highest award

The highest achievement a chef can receive in Canada was obtained by Dominic Diodati, a chef instructor at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls.

Mr. Diodati, who was presented with the master of culinary arts diploma and medal at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto, said he was very proud to have received this award.

"Years ago chefs had nothing to shoot for, but now there are all kinds of incentives to strive for."

The examining body which consists of seven top chefs in Ontario of the Escoffier Society (a chefs' organization in Toronto) compiled a list of objectives for all entrants to meet.

The Escoffier Society sent out applications to chefs all over Ontario who they thought could meet the requirements. Each chef had to fill out a form stating how many years they have been in the culinary industry, how many apprentices they had trained, and how many and what restaurants and hotels they have worked at to qualify for the award.

Thirty-nine chefs from Ontario received this award, Mr. Diodati said. Mr. Diodati and Karl Gehriger, executive chef of the Niagara Parks Commission, were the only recipients from the Niagara Region.

4-star quality at hotel centre

It might be the dining room of a four-star hotel. The food, the service, the atmosphere, and the table settings suggest that it is. However, there are two major differences.

A meal at the Rainbow Hotel Centre costs only $5 and it is available only on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The operation of the dining room at 5755 River Rd. is practical work experience for students in the apprentice cooks' program.

"We try to run it like a business so it's realistic when they get into the business world," Stan West, program co-ordinator, said.

Andrew Chandlier, student and waiter for the evening, said the only deviation from a real restaurant is that the hotel centre dining room moves at a slightly slower pace - although "everything's taught by the book."

A different menu is served each week. "We use the menu as a training tool," Mr. Chandlier said. "Different sauces, gravies - it changes every week."

Mr. West said the 18 students progress from basic cooking, such as soups, salads, and gravies, to advanced cuisine and international dishes.

IN THREE GROUPS

The students are divided into three groups and every third week they must work in the dining room. Mr. Chandlier said he now understands the waiter's viewpoint and how some can appear cranky or upset.

The students are sponsored by a restaurant or hotel. At the same time they are allowed to collect unemployment insurance. Mr. Chandlier, one of the oldest students at 23, worked in the CP hotel in Banff, Alberta, and at the Sheritan Brock in Niagara Falls.

The apprentice cooks train for 6,000 hours over three years. Nine hundred hours are spent in classroom work, and 450 in both basic and advanced cooking. Mr. West said most students are from the Niagara area. "At the moment the furthest away are from Dunnville and Hamilton."

Guests of the hotel centre learn of the dining room largely through word of mouth. Mr. West sent 300 invitations out when the program began and he asks local chefs to sample the students' work.

The dining room will not make money; the idea, Mr. West said, is to break even.

Although the dining room can seat 45 to 50 people, space could be a problem in the future. "I can see it expanding, but we don't have the room," Mr. West said.

In keeping with the four-star quality, guests must make reservations to dine at the hotel centre. The person to call for reservations is Sharon Broderick at 354-1664.

Winter term almost over

Winter break ends Monday, April 28 for all full-time students at Niagara College. Welland campus as well as the satellite campuses will have their last day of school then except for the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines which ends April 8. The term began the first Monday of January.

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Niagara Knights are turned back after a rush failed to produce a goal. The Knights' Jim O' Loughlin [17] skates through crease looking for a pass that never arrived.

(Photo by De Jong)

Knights clip Eagles, 13-2 semi-final win

By CATHI BRUNO
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Knights hockey team reached the final game of the playoffs after a 13-2 victory over the Niagara University Purple Eagles last Friday night at the Welland Arena.

"There wasn't any team that could have beaten us tonight," coach Fred Bassi said. "I thought our guys played very well and skated hard."

The Knights, who ended the regular season in first place in the International Collegiate Hockey League, took control of the game with a tremendous 6-1 lead at the end of the first period.

The Knights' Chris Eden scored the first three goals, two of which were short-handed; two more goals were scored by Moe Bjorgan and one by Rick Alt. The Knights' scoring was to be interrupted only once in the first period with a goal by the Purple Eagles' Al Laufter.

The Knights collected a total of 15 minutes in penalties in the first period while the Purple Eagles had two minutes.

Moe Bjorgan earned himself a hat-trick when he scored the first goal of the second period. The Purple Eagles interrupted the Knights' scoring for the last time when Scott Weber scored a short-handed goal. The Knights wound up the second period scoring by Rick Alt and Jim Long to give them a 9-2 lead over the Purple Eagles.

Niagara College earned eight minutes in minor penalties during the second period.

Niagara University's Chip Hoffman received a 10-minute misconduct for verbally abusing referee Harry Deline and later in the period was given a game misconduct for continued abuse directed at the referee. The Purple Eagles also had six minutes in minor penalties.

The Knights creamed the Purple Eagles with four more goals in the third period to end the game at 13-2. Jim O'Laughlin scored three minutes into the period while Ron Keays, Jim Long, with a breakaway goal and Mark Sneider scored within a minute of each other.

Both teams finished the period with four minutes of penalties each. The Knights took a total of 56 shots on goal and the Purple Eagles took 38.

Coach Bassi said, After the first period we were just a little bit stronger." He said the Purple Eagles did not use their best players and the team "just ran out of gas."

Slow start finishes Knights

By RAY DEJONG
Sports Editor

The Niagara Knights hockey team's season ended on a sad note when they lost 5-3 to Canisius College Golden Griffins in the International Collegiate Hockey League championship game played at the Welland Arena Saturday, March 13.

The loss by Niagara, who finished on top of the league after regular season play, continued a jinx. In the four-year history of the league, the team with the best record has never won the championship.

"I thought playing in our building would be to our advantage," Fred Bassi, Knights' coach, said. "But we came out a little tight, Canisius got the jump on us and didn't let us off the hook."

Niagara and Canisius finished the season with identical 10-2 records but Niagara was awarded first place by virtue of beating the Griffins twice in regular season play.

Fast-skating

The fast-skating Griffins forced the attack early in the game and scored a quick goal when after only 23 seconds of play, Rick Waldron's slapshot handcuffed Knights' goaltender Don Nadeau. The Knights found themselves trailing 2-0 when Griffins' Tom Doerfell scored on a powerplay at 5:42 of the first period.

Niagara rebounded to put some pressure on Canisius and Chris Eden's short-handed tally at 12:46 of the first period finally put Niagara on the scoreboard. Niagara managed to tie the score before the end of the first period when team captain Moe Bjorgan found himself alone in front of the Griffins' net after a perfect setup by Mark Sneider and Rick Alt.

Although he got off to a shaky start, Knights' and league all-star goaltender Don Nadeau played well the remainder of the game stopping 40 of 45 shots directed at him.

The second period started out like a carbon copy of the initial frame. Canisius again dominated play in the Niagara zone and were rewarded with a goal at the half-minute mark of the second period. Canisius scored another goal putting the Knights at the short end of a 4-2 score after two periods of play.

Within one

The Knights, however, refused to give up and pressured the Griffins with a barrage of 21 shots in the final period. Jim Long brought Niagara within one goal but Canisius added an insurance marker several minutes later to put the game out of reach.

"It was an excellent game," Mr. Bassi said. "There's no shame in losing a game like this. I have to give Canisius full marks. They forced the play but my kids never gave up. It was a true championship match."

Brian Cavanaugh, Griffin coach, agreed with Mr. Bassi. Mr. Cavanaugh said he was happy to bring the championship back to the United States. "Niagara came into our building last year and beat us for the championship. It's nice to beat them on their own ice."

Mr. Bassi said he is already looking forward to next year. "The kids coming back have promised to play hard again next season. The players and the fans appreciate this league."

Top athletes to get awards

The athletics awards dinner will be held at the main cafeteria Wednesday evening April 7. Top male and female athletes will be selected and awards will be handed out to participants in varsity and intramural sports.

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'Hitman' coming to Niagara

Thomas (Motorcity Hitman) Hearns, former world welterweights champion, will hold a verbal sparring match at the main cafeteria at 10:30 a. m. next Thursday.

The event, arranged by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) was originally planned as an exhibition match between Hearns and Fred Bassi, staff member of the athletics department. The fight, however, was cancelled due to Hearns' contract obligations for his upcoming title shot against world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler.

"It would have been nice for me to say I was in the ring with him," Mr. Bassi said. "The few rounds with me wouldn't have done him any good. With the important fight against Hagler coming there's no sense in risking a freak injury."

Hearns will answer questions from the stage in the cafeteria and microphones will be located throughout the audience. He is best known for his match against Sugar Ray Leonard who beat him for the world welterweight crown.

Riding high

Knights Jay Horton goes for a ride on Niagara University's Scott Weber during a game played March 12 at the Welland Arena. (Photo by Bruni)

Curling team rocks on, makes finals

Although they deal with rocks, Niagara College curlers proved once again what a gem of a team they have.

Competing in the Industrial League Bonspiel at the Welland Curling Club March 6, the mixed, men's and women's teams wound up with a first overall, the highest one-game total, and third overall respectively.

The mixed team was awarded first place on the basis of one win and the highest overall point total in the tournament. The men's team tied their first game and won their second.

The women's team, which was the only all-female team entered in the tournament, won a bottle of wine for the highest points in the second game. They defeated and all men's team 10-5.

Curling coach Robert Young, although happy with the results, said the biggest benefit of the bonspiel was the practice the curlers received for the upcoming championship.

On March 6, a team made up of Niagara's curlers finished as the number one team in the MacAvoy and Parker Mixed Bonspiel at the Port Colborne Curling Club.

The team, with skip David Fish, lead Brenda Lens, vice Karen Guy and second Mike Kalapos, won both games. They won the top prize in the form of merchandise.

Women's B-ball second in Ontario

By JOE POIRIER
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team lost their final game but ended the season second in the province. They won two out of three games at the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) championships held at Centennial College in Toronto last week.

Two Niagara players — Judy Helstab and Nancy Mather — were named to the playoff all-star team.

The Knights were victorious over Durham College 67-44 and the eastern division champion Algonquin Caats 73-43 but lost in the final game 60-41 to their western rivals, the Fanshawe Falcons, during the OCAA finals March 11, 12 and 13.

Against Durham

The Lords of Durham had their hands full with the Knights as Niagara clobbered the Lords 67-44 March 11.

Nancy Mather led all scorers with 16 points. Judy Helstab had 11, Lisa Buckland 10, Dawn Sherar nine, Carolyn St. Angelo seven, Terry Cushman four, Coral Whidden three, while guards Shelley Russell and Ann Young had two each.

The win meant that the Knights would advance to the semi-finals the next day against the Algonquin Caats.

The Knights fought on the boards and conquered the Algonquin Caats 67-44 in a game which saw Niagara win on both offence and defence.

The Knights broke out early and gained a quick 18-point advantage over the awe-stricken club.

"We took time on our offences," Shelley said.

Coach Rusell Stephenson thought it was a good game for the Knights and felt it was an all-round effort.

"We got a good game out of everyone," Mr. Stephenson said. "Judy was a tower and we had Lisa and Nancy rebounding."

OCAA final

The Knights were defeated in the championship 60-41 by a cinderella squad from Fanshawe which upset top-ranked St. Clair Saints 65-60 to gain a berth in the final.

Fanshawe's superb defence shut down the usually potent Knights' offence and they led Niagara 28-27 at the half.

The Knights took the lead in the second half but lost it for good with eight minutes remaining and it was all Fanshawe in the end.

Disappointing as the loss was, the Knights had two players named to the playoff all-star team. Judy and Nancy were voted among the top five women in the finals along with Lesley Poisson and Brenda Mullins of St. Clair. Nancy Burton, leading scorer for the Falcons in Niagara's final game, was the other winner.

Judy led team in scoring in the final game with 15 points. Ann Young had nine, Nancy Mather, eight, Caroyln, five, and Lisa had four.

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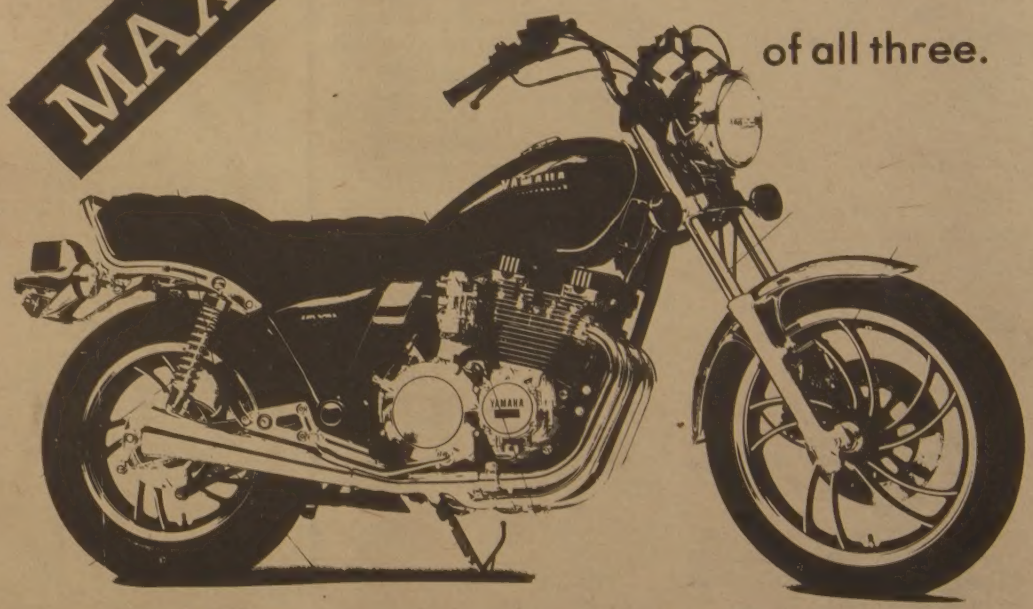

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From mud huts to sky scrapers, Ont. girl suffers culture shock

By BONNIE HARRIS
Staff Writer

Imagine someone who has lived in Ontario all her life being dazed, shocked, and terrified when she stepped off a plane in Toronto airport. After three months in the foothills of the Rockies and four months in the jungles of Sri Lanka, an island south of India, the city of Toronto was too much for her.

Sandi Tait, a St. Catharines resident, was one of the 30-some Canadians chosen by the Canada World Youth program to take part in a journey to help those less fortunate and themselves at the same time. When the 19-year-old former Brock student applied for the program, she had no idea she would eventually be riding on elephants and eating rice with her fingers with natives.

"It now makes me sick to think we(her family) have a beautiful house in St. Catharines, a cottage on the lake, all the food and money we want, when the people I lived with for seven months live in mud huts and eat mainly rice," she said.

The first stage of her trip was in Oliver, B.C.. There she worked in orchards and on the mountains with an exchange student from Sri Lanka. In Sri Lanka, Sandi and tamra lived with a Sri Lankan family in a small village. She said the people were Buddists and spoke Sinhalese.

Sandi Tait tolerates her first ride on an elephant. She said sitting on an elephant was like sitting on a wire brush. After her first experience, she rode elephants daily. Sandi spent four months in Sri Lanka living and working with the people. She hopes to return some day to visit her new friends.

(Photo by Harris)

Two worlds

"I enjoyed learning about other cultures, different values and learning to communicate with others," Sandi said. "They have a close family ties; almost all time is spent with the family. The role of women is different and hard to accept." Sandi said women work from morning to night. When preparing a meal, they start from scratch. They have to take the shells off the rice before they start cooking it.

Before the students left for their journey, they spent many hours in training and briefing sessions. Sandi said the introduction into Sri Lanka life was a necessity. She was prepared for the difference.

Men are the gods, and women are inferior. Sandi said she had to stop smoking before she went because the only women who smoke in that country are prostitutes. No decent woman wears pants; sheet-like robes are the custom. Since women do not swim, Sandi and some other girls found it hard to adjust to the hot climate.

Sandi said the hardest part was getting used to her loss of privacy. The homes are small with large families. In the village she was followed by children and adults who were amazed by her white skin. There were times when she would wake in the middle of the night to see her Sri Lankan family standing over her displaying her to strangers.

"What I hated the most was being a walking dollar sign," Sandi commented. People would grab her, follow her and beg because all white people symbolize money. She said she was hurt when someone would talk to her as a friend, only to ask her for money at the end of the conversation.

Sandi worked on a reforestation project. She said when the natives saw the "rich white people" working with their hands and sweating it out, they were encouraged and enthusiastic to work too.

Sandi said it took many interviews, medical examinations and forms to fill out before she was accepted. Before the trip took place, she and other possible candidates attended meetings at the main office of Canada World Youth in Toronto.

Home again

She left her summer cottage in Port Colborne in the first week of July and did not see her friends and family until the last week of January this year. When the group returned to Canada, they had a re-entry debriefing period in Toronto for one week before they could return to the outside world.

"The nicest thing when I returned was being just another face in the crowd," Sandi said. "I could once again walk the streets unnoticed."

Her future plans are to run a sort of day-care centre to teach children international communication. She would like to work with children in some small town and help to erase prejudice, racism and inequality.

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Peart

As striving musicans in the early '70s, Rush had only 40 minutes in a night to reach audiences and give them a different kind of music.

"We were doing music we liked," Peart said. "We were happy and excited about it; that comes across on stage. When people care about what they're doing, even to the point of being obsessed with it, I think it somehow reaches people."

With the appeal of high-energy music and a spirit of excitement that touched their audiences, Rush created the feeling of rebellion and freedom in the then-stagnant music scene. It was this difference that set them apart from the others.

But wanting success and living with it are not the same and, Peart said, the most trying aspect of his profession has been forfeiting his privacy.

"You always have to be ready for the fanfare," he said. "I can't go to the corner store, or a car wash, or a fruit stand without being mentally prepared to deal with a stranger who has expectations of me. I go to a gas station sometimes at two in the morning just so I won't be hassled, and some guy will jump out of his car. This will be the moment he's been waiting all his life for and for me it's just two in the morning and I'm getting gas.

"It's hard to deal with on a human basis because I don't want to be cruel or I don't want to shatter anything this person feels, but at the same time I want to preserve the integrity of my self-respect and my privacy."

Privacy has been guarded for Peart and many try to break through the barrier with superficial friendships. Although friendships for a person in the public eye tend to be a dime-a-dozen, Peart doesn't see it this way. For him it is not instantaneous, but rather "a built and earned kind of structure" that must be formed over a period of time and not "over five minutes at the corner store."

"I figure you have two choices," he said. "You can have a facade always ready so you can play that kind of condescending star. It's all a pretence—a hypocritical thing— to make sure everyone loves you. Or you can try to deal honestly because you don't want to play a role. If a person has the mentality to be able to dehumanize me that way, I can't possibly hope to be generous or compassionate with him. They've just made me into a non-human being."

The fact is there is no difference between the private and the public sides of Neil Peart.

"I'm me every day," he said. "It's funny what a difference there is in being the me that gets up in a hotel and walks to a concert hall to play for 10,000 people. I feel like the same person as when I'm skiing in the middle of the woods and there's no one around for 20 miles."

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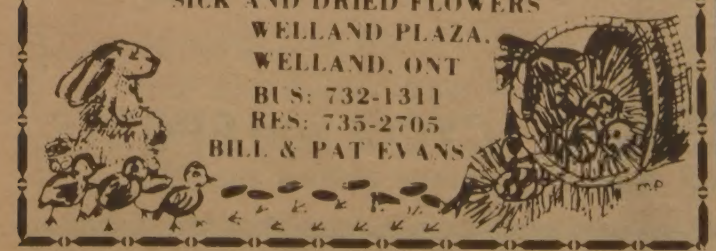

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